Dear Paul, 11/3/75

Thanks for the effort reflected in your 11/1.

On me the doctors said Friday that I'm beginning to heal. He attributed some new discomforts to this. While they trigger apprehension it is also encouraging. I am moving around a bit more and have walked as much as a thousand feet at a time several times without increasing discomfort. The anticoagulent level is not yet stabilized. it was increased again Friday. On this morning's blood test the results of which the doctor will phone to me later the bleeding following withdrawal of the needle was freer. I take this to mean reduced coagulation. And I take that to a certain point to be the need. (Did you know that this medicine began as an effort to learn why spoiled sweet clover kills cows and first resulted in a rodenticide, Warfarin? Some minor advantages to an agricultural past. It cou.d make a magazine piece.)

On the belated effort to sell ancillary rights there is some encouragement. On decent stories if I do not make such a deal greater encouragement. I expect a reporter for a major paper any minute. An editor for another was ehre Friday a.m. The reporter phoned twice yesterday, first to see if there is a decent motel nearby so he could stay here for up to a week, then to report an emergency assignment and then to see if he could come today for a copy and return after reading it.

On Andersonk perforce he accepts any leaks and then evaluates them. If his sources did not include CIA and FBI I'd be astounded. However, on the subject he is beginning to undergo change. Even his disclaimers are getting weaker. I have not been without association with some of his recent disclosures, esp. by showing and telling Les Whitten how to establish the existence of hundreds of FBI documents not given to the Warren Commission.

Most important, on ABC: I'm reluctant to phone Mel Ferber myself or to write him for various reasons, including past experience and their exclusion of me from their "special" after they spoke to me and I offered their agent/producer ancillary rights. If there is anything you think you can do that does not burden or compromise you, please do it. Without thinking this through right now I'd rather take my chances on attention to the book and it generating their interest. If it fails I can speak to one of their Washington reporters. The stall I got from ABC on Whitewash IV killed all prospects of doing anything with pre-publishing rights. In the end they copped out.

I have a few press copies of Post Mortem. They were delayed getting here. The balance have been shipped. They will require several shifts to other carriers and then to a local trucker who will put them in my cellar. I have decided that to reduce the chance of leaking, which could jeopardize both ancillary and straight-press treatment, I'm sending none out until there is whatever press use there will be. This is a matter of perhaps two weeks. However, as soon as the books and the special envelopes for them come I can start stuffing while I sit and rest, while I look at TV news, etc. The envelopes and the mail carged are based on individual books. Whenn there are orders for more than one we reduce this charge to its actuality. It means about 15¢ per book @ $10 over the minimum of $10.75 for the first. The 15¢ represents the increased basic mail cost and the added insurance. Because there will be but the two of us, with my wife having much else to do and me limited, shipments can be expedited by includion of a mailing label/ Then I can do it all sitting down and without added unclarity to my illegible writing.

As I've been telling you, the situation was changing and is continuing to. Saturday the staff and research directors of a standing Congressional committee spent four hours here, not my first meeting with them. Yesterday the U.S. rep of one of the more important European magazines. Fair amount by phone other than reported above. I think that moneyed monied people are crazy not to option or buy the ancillary rights if only on the probabilities. If I testify before a Congressional committee I'll risk making bets that it will end the whole agony and permit the beginning of healing. Thanks and apologies for the typos. Best,